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### Nine dead after French Alps avalanche sweeps over climbers

CHAMONIX (AFP) - An avalanche swept over a group of European climbers in the French Alps yesterday, killing nine people on the slopes of a peak dubbed the "Cursed Mountain".

Although four climbers were first reported missing, later yesterday police said they were alive and accounted for, with two of them having cancelled their climb and two having taken a route different to the deadly one.

The nine people known to have died in the early avalanche on Mont Maudit ("Cursed Mountain" in French) were three Britons, three Germans, two Spaniards and a Swiss, said local police Colonel Bertrand Francois.

Nine more climbers were lightly injured and treated at a local hospital.

Among the dead was a British mountain guide, the

French PGHM mountain rescue group said, and a French guide was among the injured.

One of the injured sounded the alert at around 0325 GMT after the avalanche on Mont Maudit, the massif's thirdhighest peak.

It rises to 4,465 meters (14,650 feet) and is considered one of the more difficult paths to the summit of Mont Blanc that at 4,810 meters (15,781 feet) is western Europe's highest peak.

The avalanche was thought to have been triggered when a climber caused a sheet of snow and ice to break off the mountainside.

Officials said the victims had been in a group of more than 20 people, including guides, who had left a base at 3,600 meters at around 1:30 am local time for the climb.

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### Aruba's Jemal Le Grand... Ready for 2012 Olympic Games!

Jemal began practicing the sport of swimming at the age of 7. In the beginning he did not like swimming, tennis was his favorite sport. At the age of 11 his parents asked him if he wanted to compete in a swimming pre-selection. His mother always told him that he could see the world by becoming a great swimmer and that is when Jemal began training seriously.

His first months went very well. His first big competition was at the 2007 Kingdom Games in Holland where Jemal won his first medal in the international competition. At that time he was a member of THE ORCAS team. Later Jemal went to swim with the Stingray Swimming group, the group he is with to date.

Like every athlete, Jemal has his memorable moments. He remembers his medal wins in different regional competitions, such as, the gold medal he won in the CCCAN in the 100 meter freestyle in the 13-14 years category in 2009. He also remembers the gold medal he won in the CCCAN 100 meter freestyle in 2011. And, just a few weeks ago, he won gold in the CISC in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, also the 100 meter freestyle in the 15-17 years category and a CISC RECORD. He also scored an Aruban record in the 15-17 years 100 meter freestyle, the 50 meter freestyle 15-17 years, which was also a record for Aruba.

Now Jemal is 18 years old and is a member of the Davie Nadadores in Florida, USA. This he combines with studying at Sagemont. The scholarship which Jemal received from the International Olympic Committee made it possible for him to study in the USA.

We asked Jemal how his preparations are going for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

1. How is it going with your preparations?

My preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games is going well, with good results, the CISC competition went as desired.

2. What would it be like for you to represent Aruba at the Olympic Games?

It will be a great accomplishment for me, an unforgettable experi-

ence, extremely important for my future in the swimming sport, a unique experience that very few people ever get in life. It would be a great honor to be one of the few athletes to represent their country.

3. What can Aruba expect

from Jemal Le Grand at the 2012 London Olympic Games?

Aruba can certainly expect the best result from me. I want to better my personal record and more than anything to be a worthy representative of Aruba.





### Tri-Bike with nice gesture for Casa Cuna





Recently, Tri-Bike held a fundraising social activity 'Yuda Un Otro Activo,' to help Casa Cuna and Aruba's Special Olympics organization. The event enclosed a whole day of exercise in different disciplines for grown-ups and children, among others, zumba, spinning, a bike tour and a fun walk. The event was closed off with musical entertainment, offering participants to continue moving but to the sweet rhythms of Upgrade Music.

Caribbean Mercantile Bank also got into the giving mood, by granting Casa Cuna and Aruba's Special Olympics a donation of Afls. 2,500.

This week Tri-Bike visited Casa Cuna to hand over the donation. Needless to say management and all the children were very happy with this gesture.

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### New hangar at Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix built especially for maintenance of the Tiara Air fleet



ORANJESTAD- Recently the soft opening of one of the hangars, built at the Southside of the Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix especially for maintenance of the Tiara Air fleet took place. To cope with the demand of, among others, Tiara Air for a hangar to perform the maintenance of their aircraft Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) built a hangar of 42 meters by 45 meters at the Southside of the airport. This hangar has the capacity to accommodate aircraft with a maximum wingspan of a Boeing 737-500 and a maximum load of a Boeing 737- 400. During the soft opening Tiara Air's Boeing 737-300 was towed into the new hanger without any problem.

The hangar is equipped with a system of fire suppression existing of both sprinklers and foam under pressure which is automatically activated in case of fire. It has offices, restrooms and showers and storage space for parts. These areas are fully air-conditioned. The floor of the hangar is completely covered with a



special seal meant to repel dust according to international standards of hangars. All local regulations of DOW, DTI and the fire department were complied with. The construction of this hangar is part of the Southside development plan of AAA. The construction of among others a new security access point and the relocation of Valero as part of this plan are still ongoing.

"This is truly a historic moment for Tiara Air and AAA, it

is a quantum leap in terms of available facilities for aircraft parking and maintenance at Aruba and Reina Beatrix Internacional Airport. Through this facility Tiara can comply with the strictest requirements of the regulator. And this is only the first of quite a few more hangars to come" Mr. Peter Steinmetz commented while handing over the keys of the hangar to Mr. Alejandro Muyale, Managing Director of Tiara Air.



### Aruban sports to get an injection of 3 million Aruban florins this year



ORANJESTAD -- Reportedly, in 2011 Fundacion Lotto Pa Deporte submitted Afls. 2.300,000 through the Subsidy Commission to the various athletic federations, despite certain problems which existed within the Lotto Foundation.

For 2012 the Subsidy Commission in their new constellation has introduced some changes. A new feature re-

cently introduced is the financial program "Twinfield" for all federations to fortify their financial administration. In addition to this, the Technical Commission, led by Chu Halabi is working closely with the federations to raise the level of sports on Aruba.

The Subsidy Commission, in order to distribute the subsidy funds in a transparent man-

ner, has established certain criteria. For example, in order for a federation to receive funds to compete abroad, they must submit a working plan, with names of selected athletes, official invitations, etc. This must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the event. Failure to comply will result in the federation not getting the requested funds.

The Subsidy Commission is



happy to report that they were able to support the Taekwondo sport with Afls.44.250 up to June 2012, while a budget of Afls. 459.975.00 has been approved for this particular sport discipline. Another sport that can also count on the support of the Subsidy Commission for their events is swimming. They received Afls. 156.600 for this year. Wielerbond received Afls. 47.182,30, Lifida (Futbol Infantil) received Afls. 91.913,60 and Baseball has already received Afls.30.325,00. Tallied together, this year the

Subsidy Commission assisted sports with no less than Afls.3.604.513,02. This will definitely contribute to an excellent formation of our athletes in general.

The Subsidy Commission intends to periodically inform the community about developments in sports and with respect to subsidies offered to our athletic federations. In this way everyone will be aware of what the Commission is doing with the funds it generates from donations from the Aruba Lotto.

## TUESDAY WE SCHNITZEL OF NIGHT # 17.50

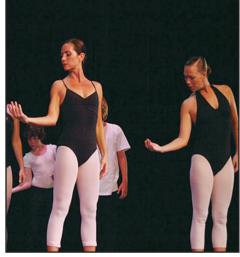
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## Kozlov Dance International offering workshops for dance students





Kozlov Dance International with the support of the Department of Culture will be presenting a two week, Dance Workshop, offering students the opportunity to study various styles of dance with world renowned dancers, Leonid and Adriana Kozlov. In addition, an informative teacher seminar/demonstration will be offered.

The Dance Workshop is open to all students, ages 6-12 years old, and is free of charge. The program will include classes in ballet, folk dance, and musical theater and will be held at the Scol di Arte in San Nicholas.

### The schedule for the workshop is as follows:

Ages 6 to 9 July 31st/ August 2nd August 7th/ August 9th 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Ages 10 to 12
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addition teacher's seminar will be given on Friday, August 3rd 9:00-10:30am. A demonstration of Russian classical ballet training will be presented along with a question and answer session. This seminar is open to dance teachers and advanced level students. Attendees will watch a private training session given by Leonid Kozlov, along with an explanation

of his philosophy and training method.

To register for the dance workshop or the teacher's seminar please contact Sonia Goeloe at the Scol di Arte: 584-9168 or scoldiarte@yahoo.com.

Over the past 5 years, Leonid and Adriana Kozlov have been involved in the dance community in Aruba, teaching and choreographing for dance students as well as staging several full-length productions. The Nutcracker Suite, The Firebird and an International Summer Intensive are among the projects they have organized. In the United States they own and operate a dance studio and Kozlov Dance International, a non profit organization, is the host of the Annual Youth Dance Festival of New Jersey, which is held every October.

For more information visit www.dancearuba.com and www.leonidkozlov.com.

## AHATA in a partnership with CMB proudly presents Smarter Online Marketing Seminar

ORANJESTAD- Last Thursday, AHATA in a partnership with the Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V. announced an exclusive one-day seminar that will be hosted for the first time on Aruba. Internationally renowned speakers have been invited to share their knowledge and expertise in the field of Online Marketing with our Local Business Community.

AHATA and CMB are looking forward to welcome Susan Black; Executive Vice-President for Travel Impressions/ American Express Vacations and current chairperson of the Eye of Travel online marketing events as well as Vice Chairman of the Association of Travel Marketing Executives. Susan previously worked with Libgo and CheapCaribbean. com.

Mauricio Lomellin; VP E-Commerce for Travel Impressions/American Express Vacations. Prior to joining Travel Impressions Mauricio spent 15 years with Microsoft most recently as part of the Bing Travel Program.

Dwight Sholes; Senior Director Cross Channel Innovation at Travel Impressions/ American Express Vacations and a frequent speaker at online marketing conferences worldwide.

Truth of the matter is that today's businesses and marketers are faced with a bewil-

dering array of online marketing channels and tactics. At times it can seem impossible to make sense & success out of today's complex, fragmented Marketing landscape.

This seminar will focus on updating our Business Community about the latest trends and best practices in online marketing for the travel and hospitality industry, retail and commerce in general. AHATA indicates that the ultimate goal is to facilitate information on how you can be more effective and achieve greater results optimizing the use of the latest technology and trends.

Topics that will be covered during the seminar include: calculating and measuring Return On Investment across channels and campaigns; benchmarking against industry leaders; best practices and tactics in search, social, e-mail and mobile; defining and measuring success for your business; Smart tactics and innovative campaigns from industry leaders; creating a marketing culture of innovation & continual improvements.

Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V. highlighted the importance of events such as these on our island, keeping in mind that we depend on the Internet to be able to connect to visitors, service providers and/or other groups that are of benefit to our commerce. It is impor-

tant that we are aware of the potential of online marketing and how to maximize the networking potential of this tool that is available to everyone, everywhere and at anytime.

AHATA and CMB invite all who are active in the travel and hospitality industry, retail and commerce in general to take part of what promises to be an enlightening seminar.

The investment in this one time opportunity is USD200.00 for non-AHATA Members, while exclusively for AHATA Members there will be a special price. For additional information please contact the AHATA office at 582-2607 or Mrs. Vanessa Rasmussen at Vanessa@ahata.com

More over, on Friday there will be the opportunity for private consultancy session with the invited experts. There will be an additional price for these one-on-one sessions. For detailed information and to reserve a time for these private sessions, please contact the AHATA office.

So, save the date! Thursday, August 9th, 2012 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at The Westin Aruba Resort & Casino.

The day's session will be followed by networking opportunities during a Happy Hour hosted by Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V.

### Workers uncover gold stash worth 103,000 euros

ZURICH (AFP) - Two council workers in Switzerland could be in for an unexpected windfall after finding gold ingots worth 124,000 francs (103,000 euros) behind a bush, it was reported yesterday.

"I saw a package wrapped in white tissue paper, with lots of adhesive tape around it. It looked like a packet of drugs," said Jean-Marc Wenger, from the Swiss town of Klingnau in the north of the country, near the German border

It was only when the men -- who were out grass cutting -- opened the mysterious package on June 28 that they discovered an undisclosed num- ber of gold bars weighing 50-100 grams each, some 2.5 kilograms in total, ATS said.

But with no markings on the ingots and no reported thefts, police remain puzzled about why the haul was left behind a bush.

"It's gold all right, the ingots have been tested. I've never known anything like it," said police spokesman Bernhard Graser, confirming a report by Die Botschaft newspaper.

If the gold remains unclaimed for five years, the council workers would be entitled to it themselves, the report said



### Nine dead after Alps avalanche...

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About 50 rescuers, including those from Italy, had been involved in searching the area of the Mont Blanc massif at the height of more than 4,000 meters (13,100 feet), where snow drifts in some cases were up to six metres (20 feet) thick.

Originally the police thought that four more

climbers were missing after the disaster, based on the guest list of a mountain refuge from which the alpinists had started out on their ascent.

Some 20,000 climbers attempt to reach the summit of Mont Blanc every summer, with up to a 500 a day during peak times.



### Aruban executives meet with key airline companies in the US

In the past month an Aruban delegation consisting of ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, Area Director for ATA North America Neville Every, and Head of Airline Marketing for AAA Jo-Anne Arends, travelled to the US to meet with executives of the key airline companies for Aruba. The key airlines for Aruba are: JetBlue, United/Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, American Airlines and Southwest/Airtran.

A comparison of the winter 2011/2012 season with the winter 2010/2011 (November – March) revealed that Aruba had about 3% less airline seats from the American market. The primary objective for the visit to the US was to revise the results of the winter season just behind us and to discuss the winter schedule for 2012/2013. Just prior to the trip to



the US they were able to make the important change for winter 2012/2013 with Delta Airlines to fly daily from JFK to Aruba. This schedule is set to begin as of December 15, 2012.

They discussed the Travel Promotion Levy once more and reported on the latest advances as well as the performance of the airlines. They also looked at the new efforts being made in the market by Aruba.

The meetings with the airlines were extremely productive. One of the issues discussed was the cost of fuel which has a significant influ-

ence on the flight tariffs which for Aruba is very important.

The US is Aruba's biggest market, representing 65% of the visitors to the island. These types of business trips are part of the strategy used by Aruba to maintain our air services, but at the same time to reinforce the relationship with airlines by personal visits and by sharing information about Aruba and our strategy, investments and activities. With more information we can continue investing in the market in a much more efficient manner so as to influence demand in specific areas.

Delta's daily flights from JFK will definitely contribute to filling the void left by American Airlines in Aruba's largest market. Much effort will go into promoting this particular flight. It may be important to note here that not all airlines have finalized their itinerary for the winter season. However, many have given some indication of the services they will be maintaining, although this will be confirmed in the upcoming months.

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### TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Salvage workers start removing rock from Italy shipwreck

GIGLIO ISLAND(AFP) - Salvage workers yesteday began removing a massive rock lodged in the side of the Costa Concordia cruise ship which crashed on an Italian island in January killing 32 people.

The ship hit the offshore rock just as many of the 4,229 people on board were settling down to dinner on the first day of a Mediterranean cruise.

The rock opened a gash in the hull and remained stuck inside as the ship veered and eventually keeled over near the island of Giglio.

Local officials said earlier that the rock could be turned into a monument.

Authorities on the island were also preparing to mark

the six-month anniversary of the tragedy today with a special mass with relatives of the victims in the church where many of the survivors were housed that night.

Elio Vincenzi, the widower of one of the victims, will dive into the sea on Saturday and leave a commemorative plaque at a depth of 25 meters (82 feet) at the exact spot where the giant ship first hit an offshore reef.

The Costa Concordia's captain Francesco Schettino, five other crew members and three executives from ship owner Costa Crociere, Europe's biggest cruise operator, including its vice president are under investigation.

### 50,000 flee as record rain in Japan kills 17

TOKYO (AFP) - At least 17 people died, 20 were missing and 50,000 were ordered to evacuate as the heaviest rainfall on record pounded the southwestern Japanese island of Kyushu, officials and reports said yesterday.

Emergency workers in Kumamoto prefecture responded to multiple reports of mudslides swallowing houses and people being trapped, with access roads blocked by mud or gushing water, officials said.

Troops have been deployed with nearly 100 millimeters (four inches) of rain falling in an hour in some areas

"Particularly in Kumamoto and Oita prefectures, we are seeing the heaviest rain that the region has ever experienced," the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Kyodo news agency put the death toll at 17.

Kumamoto prefecture confirmed the deaths of five women in their 60s, 70s and 80s and an 87-year-old man after waters destroyed their houses

The local government has received reports of at least 19 missing people, many of them swept away by swollen rivers or going missing after their homes were destroyed.

An aerial view shows firefighters searching among collapsed houses following a landslide caused by heavy rains in Minamiaso town, Kumamoto prefecture on July 12.

"Unfortunately, we believe the numbers of dead and missing will rise as we get more and more information from the field," a Kumamoto spokesman told

Local emergency responders have received "many requests" for rescue operations, the spokesman added.

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda promised full relief efforts to help affected residents.

The prime minister's office in Tokyo has established a liaison office to coordinate efforts among central government ministries to deal with the disaster.

In Kumamoto prefecture more than 17,000 households had been ordered to evacuate, with 5,000 more advised to seek shelter elsewhere.

Oita authorities issued evacuation orders to nearly 15,000 people and advised a further 10,000 to leave.

In all, more than 50,000 people in Oita and Kumamoto received evacuation orders, according to local media.

### WikiLeaks claims payment win in Icelandic court

REYKJAVIK(AFP) - The WikiLeaks whistleblower site claimed a victory yesterday in an Icelandic court against efforts to block donations to it since 2010.

WikiLeaks said in a statement that the Reykjavik District Court had ruled in the website's favour against Valitor, formerly Visa Iceland, which handles Visa and MasterCard payments on the North Atlantic island.

"The court ruled that the donation gateway should be reopened within 14 days otherwise Valitor will be penalized with a fine of 800,000 Icelandic kronur (\$6,200) daily," the statement said.

In December 2010, the two credit card companies imposed a ban on payments to WikiLeaks through DataCell, a data hosting service provider that handles WikiLeaks' donation collection.



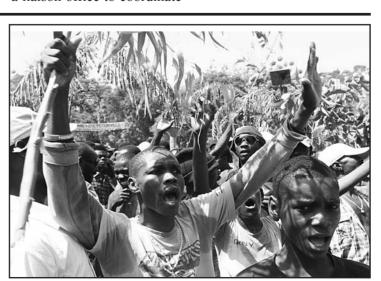
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HAITI, Port-au-Prince: Residents of the Desermites and Canape-Vert slums of Port-au-Prince demonstrate on July 12, 2012, protesting governments plans to destroy hillside shanties for a flood-control project. Concrete houses and hovels sprawl across the hills of the Haitian capital with three million inhabitants. The precarious structures are subject to landslides during the country's rainy seasons.





### Mystery swirls around US lawmaker Jesse Jackson Jr

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Representative Jesse Jackson Jr's office has disclosed he is receiving treatment for a "mood disorder," but that failed to tamp down swirling speculation yester day over his month-long leave of absence.

Democratic Party, has offered stern denials to conflicting reports about the lawmaker's condition, including an NBC News story that he is being The office of the nine-term treated for an alcohol problem.

congressman, son of civil

rights leader Jesse Jackson and

a one-time rising star in the

But his office, citing privacy laws, has refused to say where he is and has offered scant -- and shifting -- information about Jackson.

House leaders yesterday said little about his absence other than to wish him well, even as concerns rose about

whether he will stand for reelection in November.

The office released a statement late Wednesday saying Jackson "is receiving intensive medical treatment at a residential treatment facility for a mood disorder and is responding positively to treatment."

It originally released a statement -- two weeks after Jackson's leave began on June 10 -- that he was being treated for exhaustion.

Then on July 5 it was revealed his medical condition was more serious than first thought.

"Recently, we have been made aware that he has grappled with certain physical and vide more detail.

emotional ailments privately for a long period of time," his office said.

Asked if constituents in Jackson's heavily Democratic district in Illinois were being provided with sufficient explanation, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi deferred.

She said she believed that when Jackson's team "had a handle on what the evaluation was, that they would make it known, and they have."

Pelosi acknowledged she had not spoken recently with Jackson.

Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois suggested this week that Jackson may soon have to pro-

### Nigeria oil tanker fire kills more than 100

PORT HARCOURT (AFP) -More than 100 people who rushed to scoop up fuel after a Nigerian petrol tanker tipped over yesterday were killed when the vehicle and pools of spilled oil caught fire.

Children were among those killed, while dozens more were badly burned, despite a warning from troops who arrived at the crash site that a blaze could ignite at any moment.

The tanker driving in the southern Rivers state swerved as it was trying to avoid a collision with three oncoming vehicles including a bus, said Kayode Olagunju, head of the state's Federal Road Safety Commission.

Shortly after the collision hundreds of locals in the Ahoada area flocked to the scene to collect the spilling fuel.

Some troops who reached the crash site before the fire broke out told people to clear off, but many ignored the warning, an official from the National Emergency Management Agency said.

The state's information

commissioner Ibim Semenitari told AFP the fire had been put out but emergency services were still trying "to clear the carnage."

Some of those taken to the hospital were burned beyond recognition, while others appeared treatable, said Geoffrey Ikogha a local chief in Ahoada, near the oil hub of Port Harcourt.

He confirmed that women and children were among those

Many of the dead were motorcycle taxi operators, known locally as "Okada", who raced to fill up their tanks after learning of the crash, according to an AFP photographer at the

More than 85 people whose bodies were burned beyond recognition were given a mass burial at the disaster site, an official said.

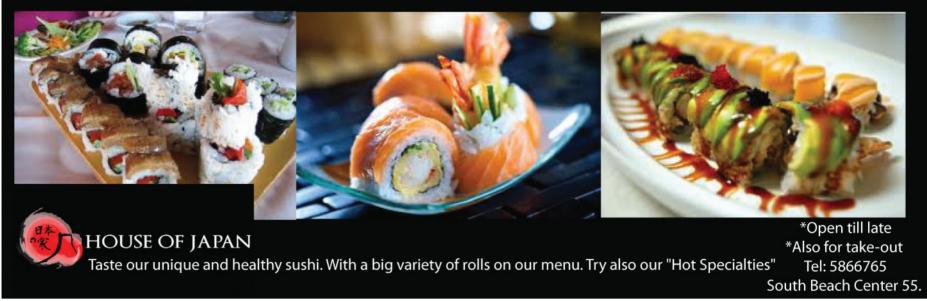
"A mass burial occurred just a few minutes ago... These were bodies that were burned beyond recognition. They couldn't be moved," said Ibim Semenitari, the information commissioner for Rivers state.



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### Health & Living

### Pills to prevent HIV raise many questions

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Various trials examining the use of anti-retroviral drugs in healthy heterosexuals as a way to prevent HIV have shown drastically different results, research showed Wednesday.

The findings of three major studies in Africa, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, raise many questions about which groups would likely benefit and how to manage such treatments in the future, doctors said.

The approach is known as pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, in which healthy people take antiretroviral drugs -- the kind used to treat people with HIV -- in order to prevent getting the virus during sex with HIV-infected partners.

One study detailed in the journal which included heterosexual couples -- each with one HIV-positive partner, one HIV-negative -showed a 67 to 75 percent reduced risk of getting HIV among uninfected partners taking the drugs.

The study, known as Partners PrEP, ran from 2008 to 2010 in Kenya and Uganda and included more than 4,700 couples. It randomly assigned the HIV-negative partners to once-daily tenofovir, a combination of tenofoviremtricitabine, or a placebo.

Both treatments showed 'significant" and a "similar magnitude" of protection for both men and women, the study said.

Adherence to the drug regimen was also high in this study, with 82 percent of samples from randomly selected participants showing detectable drug levels, and study authors estimating an overall 92 percent adherence rate.

Another study detailed in the journal however was stopped early in April 2011 because the group receiving the drug did not show any better level of protection than the group taking the sugar pill.

That study, known as FEM-PrEP, was a randomized trial of 2,120 women in Kenya, South Africa and Tanzania.

Thirty-three women taking the drug became infected with HIV, compared to 35 taking the placebo.

The study also showed a much lower rate of adherence to the medication regimen (40 percent) and a much higher rate of reported side effects such as nausea, vomiting and kidney or liver abnormalities.

Since many of the women in the study reported viewing themselves at low-risk for acquiring HIV, this may have contributed to their failure to take the drug regularly, the study authors said.

A third study, called TDF-2, enrolled 1,219 men and women in Botswana, and showed that pre-exposure prophylaxis had an efficacy rate of about 62 percent in sexually active heterosexual

Previous studies on men who have sex with men have shown that the approach could reduce transmission of HIV by 44 percent overall, though much higher success rates were seen in men who took the pills most regularly.

Learning more through future study is important because PrEP is increasingly being seen as a part of an integrated HIV prevention approach, they wrote.

### **Scientists find anti-Alzheimer's** gene mutation



PARIS (AFP) - Scientists have found a genetic mutation they say protects against Alzheimer's disease and holds promise for a possible treatment for this form of dementia.

More than five percent of people over the age of 60 in the Western world are believed to suffer from dementia, about two-thirds of which is due to Alzheimer's disease.

Scientists in the United States and Europe reported in the journal Nature that they had found a gene coding mutation, A673T, that protects against both Alzheimer's and cognitive decline in elderly people who do not have the disease.

"This is a mutation in a gene that makes a protein that people have believed for a long time is involved in Alzheimers," geneticist Kari Stefansson of the Icelandic medical company deCODE genetics and lead author of the paper, told AFP.

What this mutation does is to make the protein less harmful."

If you had the rare mutation, you were between five and seven times less likely to develop the disease than the general population, said Stefansson -- "a very strong protection".

Probing the genetic data of some 1,800 Icelanders, the scientists also found that people between the ages of 80

those without it.

He added there had been a lot of research in the past two decades into manipulating the amyloid precursor protein, APP, to treat Alzheimer's -- an incurable and progressive disease characterised by memory loss and dementia.

better cognitive function than

The disease involves an accumulation of amyloid plaques in the brain.

This mutation could possibly represent a target for treatments to prevent Alzheimer's disease," a Na-ture press summary added.

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Foundation in Chicago, when subjects in the midst of a migraine attack sniffed test tubes containing a green apple smell, the pain improved more than when they sniffed tubes that had no scent. Researchers say it could be a matter of distraction, or it could be that the smell of green apple actu-

ally reduces muscle contractions in the head and neck, reducing headache pain. Earlier studies found that the smell of green apples helps reduce anxiety.



**SCI-TECH** 

### S.African scientists find most complete pre-human skeleton

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) -South African scientists claimed Thursday to have uncovered the most complete skeleton yet of an ancient relative of man, hidden in a rock excavated from an archaeological site three years ago.

The remains of a juvenile hominid skeleton, of the newly identified Australopithecus (southern ape) sediba species, are the "most complete early human ancestor skeleton ever discovered," according to University of Witwatersrand paleontologist Lee Berger.

"We have discovered parts of a jaw and critical aspects of the body including what appear to be a complete femur (thigh bone), ribs, ver-

NAPA, California (AFP) -

Stephen Gilberg sipped a

glass of wine in renowned

Napa Valley and Twitter

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WineTwits led the list of

One of the wines, a Mag-

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Napa winery Franciscan, was

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ing, and tweeting," he contin-

ued. "It is fun to watch: as the

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Slightly more than 500

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2.8 million followers, accord-

ing to figures provided by

Gilberg on Wednesday.

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Gilberg told AFP.

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with him.

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tebrae and other important limb elements, some never before seen in such completeness in the human fossil record," said Berger, a lead professor in the finding.

The latest discovery was made in a one-metre-wide rock that lay unnoticed for years in a laboratory until a technician incidentally saw a tooth sticking out of the black stone last month.

It was then scanned to reveal significant parts of A.sediba, whose other parts were discovered in 2009 in the world-famous Cradle of Humankind north of Johannesburg.

It is not certain whether the species, which had long arms, a small brain and a thumb, was a direct ancestor of humans' genus, Homo, or simply a close relative.

"It appears that we now have some of the most critical and complete remains of the skeleton," said Berger.

Other team members were equally enthusiastic.

"It's like putting together the pieces of a puzzle," university laboratory manager Bonita De Klerk told AFP.

The skeleton is thought to be around two million years old and would have been aged between nine and 13 years when the upright-walking tree climber died.

De Klerk said: "It was in packing this (stone) up in the vehicle to go and be scanned that one of our technicians actually noticed a tooth sticking out on the surface and he called Lee over and said, 'Oh, I think this is a hominid tooth', and he was right."

The Cradle of Humankind, now a World Heritage Site, is the oldest continuous palaeontological dig in the world.



#### Wine lovers sip, taste and tweet on Twitter



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ing in November of 2009.

WineTwits has a hand-selected network of approximately 5,400 people who host tastings, but events are heralded beforehand and vintages can be bought by those interested in adding opinions to the Twitter conversation.

"I look at Twitter like a roller coaster," Gilberg said. "There can be no conversation about something one moment and then it can just take off."

The WineTwits platform was built to organize Twitter conversations around wine. Its website is designed to make it easy for people to comment on and rate wines, as well as find deals on bottles of wine.

WineTwits collaborations include a "Burgers With a Side of Beaujolais" online food pairing with Georges Duboeuf winery. A celebrity-chef style show was streamed live online in harmony with the WineTwits feed.

"People across the country were cooking burgers and pairing them with Beaujolais," Gilberg said.

"Wine is one of the most social products on the market," he noted. "So social media is perfectly made for wine."

### Hackers post pilfered Yahoo! passwords



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Yahoo! on Thursday was digging into how hackers looted nearly a half million passwords and email addresses from one of its servers.

A hacker group calling itself D33DS posted online a massive trove of data it said was unencrypted in a file pilfered from the Sunnyvale, California-based Internet pioneer "as a wake-up call not as a threat."

Yahoo! confirmed that a file from its Contributor Network (formerly Associated Content) containing approximately 450,000 Yahoo! and other company users names and passwords was compromised on Wednesday.

Security researchers who sifted through the posted data determined that it included information about accounts at other online services including Google's web-based Gmail, AOL, and Microsoft's Live.com.

"We apologize to all affected users," Yahoo! said in

a prepared statement.

"We are taking immediate action by fixing the vulnerability that led to the disclosure of this data, changing the passwords of the affected Yahoo! users and notifying the

companies whose users accounts may have been compromised."

Less than five percent of the Yahoo! account data stolen had valid passwords, the company contended.

Affected accounts were reportedly at an Internet telephone service called Yahoo! Voices, which is related to the company's instant messaging feature.

"The most alarming part to the entire story was the fact that the passwords were stored completely unencrypted and the full 400,000-plus usernames and passwords are now public," Internet security firm TrustedSec said in a blog post.



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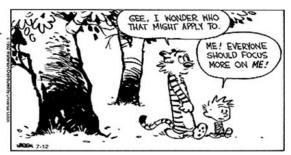


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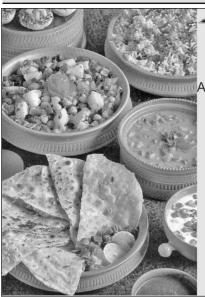
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### **FINANCE**

### Asian firms to pay \$571 mn more in US LCD case

NEW YORK (AFP) - Three major Asian manufacturers have agreed to pay fines of \$571 million to US states as part of the ongoing case on price-fixing of LCD displays for electronic devices, officials said yesterday.

The settlements were reach with Japan's Toshiba Corporation, AU Optronics of Taiwan and LG of South Korea, according to the New York state attorney general's office.

The case is part of a longrunning probe in the United States over a scheme to boost prices for liquid crystal display (LCD) screens used in televisions, computer monitors, and laptops.

New York is among eight states sharing in the settlement and will get some \$10 million through recovery for government purchases and penalties, in addition to restitution to consumers.

The companies in the latest round of settlements agreed to pay \$543.5 million to settle antitrust claims and two firms will pay \$27.5 million in fines and penalties to the states.

Together with seven earlier settlements, the payments will top \$1.1 billion

### No risk of losses on Spain bank rescue: minister

BERLIN (AFP) - Spain's creditors do not risk losing money on rescuing the country's banks, which only need 62 billion euros of the 100 billion on offer, the finance minister said in an interview to be published today.

"We are responsible for this repayment. I'm convinced there won't be the slightest risk for lenders," Finance Minister Luis de Guindos told German newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

He said Spain's banks would need a maximum of 62 billion euros (\$76 billion) to regain their footing -- repeating an announcement by the government in late June after

independent auditors arrived at the same estimate.

The remainder of the 100-billion-euro credit line offered by Spain's European Union and eurozone partners will serve as "safety reserves", he added.

According to a European Financial Stability Facility document posted on the Dutch finance ministry website yesterday, Spain's bank rescue will include a first disbursement of 30 billion euros in July and a second of 45 billion euros by mid-November, with smaller payouts to follow.

Eurozone finance ministers are to meet on July 20 to finalise the deal.



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### Wells Fargo to pay \$175 mln over racist lending

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Top US bank Wells Fargo is to pay \$175 million to resolve allegations that it charged African-American and Hispanic borrowers higher fees and interest rates than whites, the Justice Department said yesterday.

The bank is accused of engaging "in a pattern or practice of discrimination against qualified African-American and Hispanic borrowers in its mortgage lending from 2004 through 2009."

Customers were also steered toward riskier subprime loans, while their white peers received standard loan terms, according to the Justice Department

Department.

"An applicant's creditworthiness, and not the color of his or her skin, should determine what loans a borrower qualifies for," said Deputy Attorney General James Cole.

The San Francisco-based bank denies the claims, according to a statement Wednesday, but said it was settling to avoid litigation.

The bank will pay \$125 million in compensation to around 4,000 customers who paid higher fees than white borrowers. It will also pay \$50 million in direct aid to communities hard hit by the housing crisis.

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### Peugeot slashes 8,000 jobs as France battles crisis

PARIS (AFP) - French carmaker PSA Peugeot Citroen shocked France yesterday with an announcement that it will cut 8,000 jobs, sparking union anger and underlining the country's competitiveness problems.

Unions slammed the announcement as a "declaration of war" and an "earthquake," with the hardline stance certain to add to the problems facing the new Socialist government as it deals with France's flagging economy.

President Francois Hollande was elected in May on a promise to put the economy back on track, focusing on growth rather than austerity measures adopted elsewhere in Europe in the face of the eurozone debt crisis.

### Hollande has expressed his "deep concern" over the cuts to the government, a source in the Elysee Palace told AFP, and

has told officials "to do every-

thing possible to limit the so-

cial consequences of this plan."
Prime Minister Jean-Marc
Ayrault said the layoffs were
"a real shock" and announced
that the government would
present its rescue plan for the
struggling auto industry on

July 25.
Peugeot shares initially jumped on news of the layoffs, but then tumbled to their lowest level in more than 20 years after Minister of Industrial Renewal Arnaud Montebourg said the government did not accept the plan.

"We do not accept the plan in its current state," Montebourg told the Senate, without saying what pressure the government could bring to bear on the company.

The stock recovered slightly before trading closed but still ended the day down 1.74 percent to 7.02 euros.

Montebourg said he had named an expert, Emmanuel Sartorius, to look at the company's finances and decide whether the layoffs are "necessary and proportionate". Sartorius is to present his conclusions by the end of July.





SHANGHAI: Workers put test parcels through the system during a test at the new DHL North Asia Hub in Shanghai on July 12, 2012. The DHL Express North Asia Hub located in Pudong, is DHL's largest express facility in Asia, covering an area equivalent to 13 football pitches and can process 40,000 documents and parcels an hour. The world's leading postal and logistics group Deutsche Post DHL plans to invest US\$132 million (Bt4.1 billion) to add eight dedicated aircraft over the next two years after launching its \$175-million North Asia Hub, the biggest express hub in Asia. (AFP PHOTO)



#### Canada court rules no royalties for music downloads

OTTAWA (AFP) - Canada's Supreme Court ruled Thursday that no royalties need to be paid to recording artists or song publishers when videogames or movie soundtracks are downloaded on the Internet.

Reproduction royalties to the copyright owners are already paid upfront and the recording artists don't receive extra money when customers buy videogame or movie soundtracks in stores.

A group representing musicians had sought to expand what qualified for the fees, arguing essentially that music downloads should be viewed in the same light as radio broadcasts, which do draw extra royalties.



### Rolling Stones hint at 50th anniversary shows

LONDON (AFP) - The Rolling Stones celebrated 50 years since their first ever gig Thursday with a hint that they could satisfy fans by returning to the stage later this year to mark their golden anniversary.

Mick Jagger and bandmates Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood and Charlie Watts launched an exhibition at Somerset House in London featuring photographs from a career that changed the course of rock music.

Asked about speculation that the Stones could return



to the stage after a five-year gap, 68year-old Jagger told AFP: "Yeah definitely later on, later on this year, on stage."

Jagger added that he still felt good despite half a century in the rock business.

"Definitely rocking, yes. And things are good, you know, 50 years, it seems an awfully long time, but it seems to have

gone very, very quickly," he added.

The exhibition features more than 70 photographs, some of which are rare or have never been seen before. There are photos of the band's concerts but also more intimate, behind-the-scenes pictures.

Dozens of fans turned out at Somerset House to see the aged rockers -- nicknamed the "Strolling Bones" because they are all in their sixties and seventies.

"I saw them live in 2006 in Argentina. Today is the 50th year of the greatest band ever. It is my passion," said a 23-year-old Brazilian man who gave his name as Leandro.

Londoner Alan Harrington, 62, said he had seen the band on January 8, 1965.

"They were wild in those days and they are wild now. And they can still pull a crowd, look at all the young people here," he said.

It was on July 12, 1962 that Jagger, Richards and Brian Jones -- who died in



L-R: Charlie Watts, Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood and Mick Jagger

1969 -- played The Marquee Club in London, first performed under the band name that would soon be known around the world.

Classic hits like "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction", "Jumpin' Jack Flash" and "Brown Sugar" have ensured their continued popularity -- and a flurry of speculation about a tour.

Richards also hinted at a reunion to mark their 50th anniversary, saying that the surviving band members have met up for "a couple of rehearsals" recently for the first time in five years.

"There's things in the works, there's nothing so final that I could say," he told the BBC in an interview filmed at the exhibition.

"We're playing around with the idea and we've had a couple of rehearsals. We got together lately, and it feels so good. I think soon, I think it's definitely happening, but when, I can't say yet."

Rolling Stone magazine -- named after the same blues

song which gave the band its name -- reported last month that Jagger and his bandmates were considering at least one live concert this year to mark the anniversary.

Jagger took to Twitter recently to deny that the band would stage a show to mark the London Olympics, which get under way on July 27.

"We are not playing the Olympics, but I'm looking forward to watching the Games like everyone else!" he wrote last month.

The band has also denied recent reports that they will play one last concert together at next year's Glastonbury Festival, with a statement saying the date was "not in our plans."

Childhood friends Jagger and Richards were aged just 18 when they played that first Stones gig at 165 Oxford Street and Jones -- who drowned in the swimming pool at his home in 1969 -- was 20 years old.

In a sign of the times, the site is now a branch of Santander bank.

The Stones have survived numerous personnel changes as well as an often strained relationship between songwriters Jagger and Richards, the core of the band.



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### Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready in-

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and fami- lies, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up

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Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for parents or a few couples.

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### Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates from Boston, Massachusetts, residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name '5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

'You never get a second too



Gouda Burger 2

chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an ncredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh



Rosie and Aaron love their Burge

Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batterdipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner – daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic. heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for the owners when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a



### **ODD**

### Summer Olympics: July 27 - August 12

### **Humble dreams for Pakistan athlete**

KARACHI (AFP) - Pakistan's wild card sprinter Liaquat Ali dreams of racing against Usain Bolt and Tyson Gay, hoping to give the world's fastest men a run for their money at the London Olympics.

"I wish I get a chance in the same heat as Bolt or Gay, it's one of my main dreams," said the 27-year-old who stands little chance of clearing the first heat in a galaxy of world class sprinters.

Ali achieved Pakistan's record of 10.10 seconds last year -- a far cry from the world record of 9.58 seconds set by Jamaica's Bolt at the World Athletics championship in Germany in August 2009, and the 9.69 achieved by the United States' Gay a month later.

"I like Gay's style of running and that's why he is my favourite," said Ali, who remembers meeting the US star at the 2009 World meet, where he finished 61st in the heats, clocking a disappointing 10.64 seconds.

Ali, who comes from the small town of Renala Khurd in central Punjab province and who is a soldier in the army's sports department, says champions live in a different world.

"They are world class simply because their training and facilities are high class and we cannot match them," said Ali.
"I get the basic facilities but

"I get the basic facilities but it's tough for others," he added. Beating the odds, Ali won silver in the 100m relay at the South Asian Athletics Championship in India in 2008 and bronze in the 100 and 200 metres at the South Asian Federation Games in Dhaka two years ago.

In the Asian championship in Japan last year he was disgualified after a false start.

Coach Maqsood Ahmed said Ali can better his national record at the Olympics.

"Ali has done real hard work to get ready for the Olympics but realistically speaking the competition in the Olympics will be very tough, so the main aim for him is to better the national record," said Ahmed.

Ali's other aim is to improve the image of Pakistan, where Osama bin Laden was killed in May 2011 and where US officials say Taliban and Al-Qaeda-linked extremists plot attacks in Afghanistan and against the West.

"When I go abroad people ask about Pakistan and our difficulties, but I always tell them our country is one of the best in the world and that they should come and see our lovely places and not fear," said Ali.

Pakistan is sending 39 athletes to the Games but field hockey is their only chance of a medal.



Berets top off Ralph Lauren uniforms for US team



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Olympic team will step out with Gallic-like berets at the opening of the London games, as part of their crisp uniforms designed by Ralph Lauren and introduced to the public Tuesday.

Women's soccer player Heather Mitts and men's fencing competitor Time Morehouse modeled the looks on NBC television's "Today" program ahead of the July 27 start of the world's biggest sporting event.

Lauren, the official outfitter of the US Olympic and Paralympic teams, is giving the entire team blue blazers - double-breasted for the men -- with the official team patch and the designer's signature pony motif.

They'll be matched with cream skirts and trousers, and topped with navy berets accented with red and white stripes.

"It's a privilege to play a part in the London games and the celebrate the achievements of these premier athletes as they represent our nation on the world's biggest stage," said David Lauren, Ralph Lauren's executive vice president for marketing and the designer's son, in a statement.

Lauren has previously introduced its outfits for the closing ceremony and for day-to-day wear by the US team in the Olympic Village, inspired by the sartorial flavor of 1948 when the British capital last hosted the games.

He also designed the US team outfits for the Beijing summer games in 2008 and the Vancouver winter games in 2010

### Lochte believes his time has come



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Ryan Lochte has done the work, he's even gained the recognition, now the laid-back Floridian is ready to put it all on the line in London to prove himself the world's top swimmer.

"Honestly, I feel like this is my time," Lochte said. "I have put in the

work and I know I can make this happen."

For years Lochte has toiled in the shadow of Michael Phelps. He owns three Olympic gold medals, a silver and two bronze, and his Beijing campaign included an impressive upset of Aaron Peirsol in the 200m backstroke.

But watching Phelps win all eight of his events in the Water Cube left Lochte wanting more.

"I definitely wasn't happy with the outcome in '08," said Lochte, who used that lack of satisfaction to push himself harder.

He gave up junk food and stepped up his training in and out of the pool.

In characteristic Lochte style, his strength training includes such oddities as tractor tire flipping as well as more mundane weight-room routines.

Lochte turned the tables on Phelps with a 200m medley victory at the 2009 World Championships, followed by another 200m medley win and a 200m freestyle triumph over Phelps as part of a five-gold haul at last year's worlds in Shanghai.

He will compete in four individual events in London and in two of them, the 200m and 400m individual medleys, he'll take on Phelps, owner of a record 14 Olympic gold medals.

### Sexy Pellegrini at peace with herself

ROME (AFP) - Reigning Olympic champion Federica Pellegrini says she is comfortable with her "sexy" image as she bids for double Games gold in London.

The precocious and often temperamental talent is a huge star in her homeland and her face, and figure, are a staple diet for advertisers in print and on screen.

Champion in both the 200m and 400m freestyle at the last two World Championships, Pellegrini will be looking to achieve a similar double during the Olympics, in which she is reigning champion in the 200m.

A household name and an instantly recognisable face, Pellegrini insists her fame is no distraction to her primary aims.

From appearing nude in print to dating a string of her male team-mates, Pellegrini is an advertiser's dream.

Pretty and feminine despite the big shoulders needed to be a champion swimmer, she says she wasn't always

tainly pushed those limits as far as she can, posing nude for Vanity Fare while also becoming the body of underwear maker Yamamay.

But that's something she is more than comfortable with.

"Am I allowed to say that I'm a free woman," she added. "I've made my peace with my body, I accept myself as I am."

Pellegrini has always been destined for stardom since winning Olympic silver in Athens as a 16-year-old.

That talent in the pool coupled with her looks and her choice of partners has ensured she has never since been far from the limelight.

Her sporting rivalry with France's Laure Manaudou, herself a marquee name in her homeland, spilled out of the pool and into the dressing room.

Pellegrini dated Manaudou's ex Luca Marin, an Italian swimmer, before ditching him for another team-mate in Filippo Magnini, a twice former world champion who is now past his best at 30.

It is her appetite for male swimmers that has ensured she is as popular with gossip mag journalists as the sporting ones, although she denies she has done anything out of the ordinary.

"I'm not a man-eater, I'm just a young 23-year-old girl who can change her mind," she says in her defence.

Defending herself is something she's had to do a lot of recently, not least after some poor form and her refusal to carry Italy's flag at the Olympic Opening Ceremony.

After coming in for criticism for that move, she took to her personal blog to angrily explain her reasons, claiming the ceremony would impinge on her athletic preparation.

"Whoever doesn't understand that for me to stand up for eight hours the day before my Olympic race is impossible, isn't blessed with very much intelligence, either that or they don't know what standing up for eight hours feels like," she wrote on her blog after coming under fire in the media.



out, though.

"I would never have imagined I'd be a sexy icon, when I was young I was a Tom-boy," she told women's magazine Grazia.

"Now, however, I consider femininity to be a priority: I see myself as a woman and not just an athlete.

"But of course sensuality should never descend into vulgarity."

The 23-year-old has cer-



### Knicks to keep Lin, Spurs re-sign Diaw

NEW YORK (AFP) - Jeremy Lin will be returning to the New York Knicks, according to coach Mike Woodson, the San Antonio Spurs will be hanging onto Boris Diaw and Joe Johnson is leaving Atlanta for the Brooklyn Nets.

NBA player moves continued on Thursday, a day after a moratorium on such signings was ended, with Woodson

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### Penn State ignored child sex allegations: report

making it clear that the Knicks would keep Lin despite the four-year offer worth \$28.8 million from the Houston Rockets.

"Absolutely," Woodson said, hinting that the Asian-

said, hinting that the Asian-American star, the first US NBA player of Taiwan or Chinese heritage, was likely to return to the starting spot he held until being injured late last season

Lin, cut by two other teams and at the end of the Knicks' bench, sparked "Lin-sanity" from Knicks fans last February when he was called upon after injuries to two starters and led New York to seven triumphs in a row with clutch shooting and spectacular precision passes.

The Rockets, the former club of Chinese star center Yao Ming, were one of the teams that hard earlier dropped Lin.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Top officials at Penn State University showed "total and consistent disregard" for the well-being of the young victims of a pedophilia scandal, a damning independent investigation found Thursday.

The US college hired former FBI head Louis Freeh to conduct the eight-month probe into the sex abuse perpetrated by Jerry Sandusky, an assistant football coach at the school, who was convicted on pedophilia charges last month.

Freeh's report found a pattern of negligence and concealment by "the most powerful people" at Penn State, including its former president Graham Spanier and legendary football coach Joe Paterno.

He added the university

seemed more concerned about avoiding "bad publicity" than assisting the victims and for 14 years effectively covered-up abuse that has now shocked a nation that is passionate about college sports.

Freeh conducted over 430 interviews of key university officials and staff as well as an exhaustive review of emails, college records and other documents in his investigation.

His probe excoriated the university for failing to notify the proper authorities immediately when revelations first surfaced that Sandusky had engaged in improper behavior involving children.

"Our most saddening and sobering finding is the total disregard for the safety and welfare for Sandusky's child victims by the most senior leaders at Penn State," Freeh said at a press conference at his Philadelphia law firm.

"The most powerful men at Penn State failed to take any steps for 14 years to protect the children who Sandusky victimized," he said.

Sandusky is in prison awaiting sentencing after being convicted last month of molesting 10 boys over 15 years, recruiting

victims under the guise of a program he ran for neglected youths.

Freeh said he hoped his scathing findings would provide a measure of solace to the victims, but his report also provides powerful ammunition to victims and their families considering suing the university for negligence.

The report fingered former athletic director Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, a university vice president who was in charge of the campus police, both of whom are awaiting trial on charges of perjury and failure to report abuse.

The report deals a particularly devastating blow to the legacy of Paterno, a legend described in US sports circles as the "winning-est coach in college football" and who dominated gridiron performances for half a century.

Paterno, who died of cancer in January, was seen as the most powerful man in the university town of State College, Pennsylvania, because of the millions of dollars that poured into Penn State coffers each year, in part from adoring alumni proud of its storied football tradition, in part from outside sponsors.



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### Molinari leads **Scottish Open** after course record

CASTLE STUART, Scotland (AFP) - Italy's Francesco Molinari established a new course record of 10-under par 62 to lead by two shots after the opening day of the Scottish Open on Thursday.

Molinari, 29 birdied five holes in a row from his fifth and then four in succession from his 12th in a bogey-free display that is two strokes fewer than the previous low set in the event a year ago.

The London-based Italian's round comes also just four days after he shot a final round 64 to grab second place in the French Open.

"It felt quite easy today but then it's not as easy as it looks but I was feeling comfortable on the golf course," he said.

"I had a terrible day on the greens in Paris last Saturday but had a good session on the practice putting green Satur-

day evening.
Spain's Alejandro Canizares birdied his closing six holes to move into second place on six under par and one clear of the duo of Denmark's Soren Kjeldsen and Frenchman Raphael Jacquelin.

Jacquelin, who was third in last week's French Open, started his round with three straight birdies and then birdied two of his closing three in his equal-best score in 48 rounds of Scottish Open competition since making his debut in 1998.

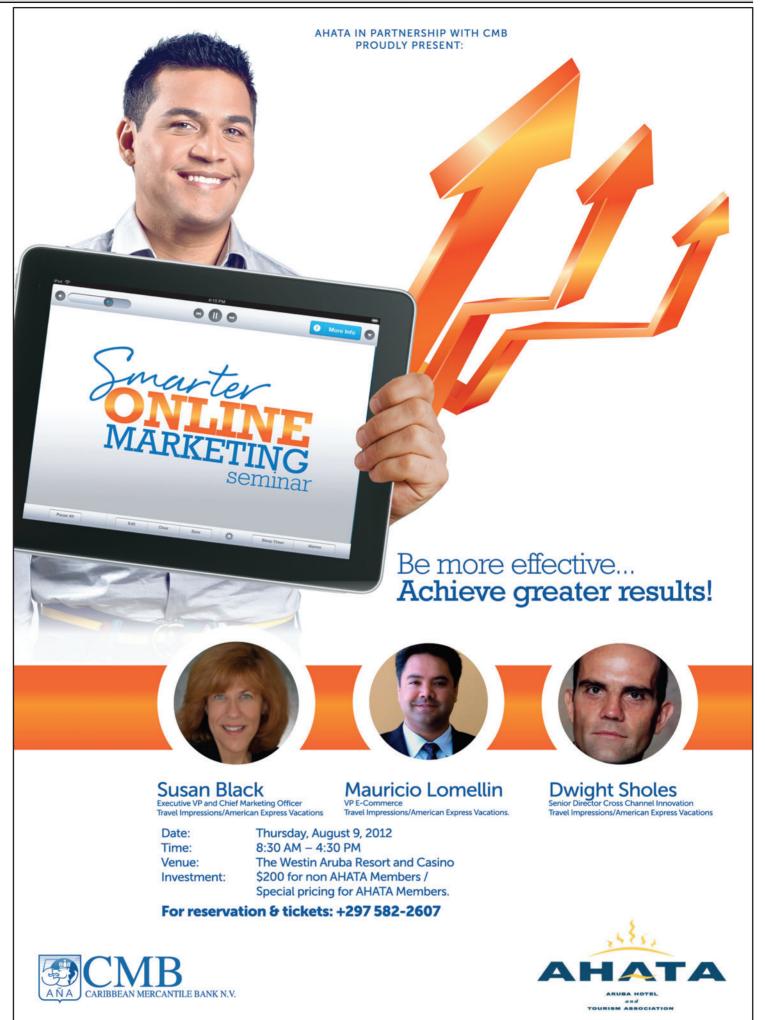
World number one and defending champion Luke Donald started his round with four straight birdies but spoilt his momentum with bogeys at five and eight before three further birdies over his last six holes.

Triple Major winning Ernie Els was met by a Tour referee after his round of a two under par 70 following an incident at the sixth hole where the South African took four shots to get out of a bunker in taking a double bogey seven.

A person watching TV coverage of the event phoned the Tour complaining Els may have broken the rules while in the bunker.

The Tour looked at video footage of the incident while Els continued to play his round but then advised him on handing in his card there had been no breach of the rules.

"Some viewer called in to say I did something that I didn't do and he thought I was kicking and screaming which I wasn't but there was no penalty," said Els.



### Rolland wins 11th stage, Wiggins drops Evans

LA TOUSSUIRE, France maiden win at Alpe d'Huez (AFP) - Frenchman Pierre and hand Europear their sec- notably by Nibali and Van to finish over a minute be- notably by Nibali and Van Rolland claimed an epic 11th stage victory on the Tour de France yesterday as race leader Bradley Wiggins of Britain took another step towards overall victory.

Rolland soloed over the finish line after an epic day of racing to claim his second victory in the race a year after his ond win in as many days.

The yellow jersey group of Wiggins came over the finish line of the 148 km stage from Albertville 59sec later. It included Italian contender Vincenzo Nibali and Belgian Jurgen van den Broeck.

Wiggins came under attack several times on the final den Broeck.

However thanks to the help of Sky teammate Chris Froome the Englishman was ultimately able to reel them in and then drop defending champion Cadel Évans of Australia.

Evans, the 2011 champion, ran out of steam in the final kilometres of the climb

for a successful defence severely compromised.

Evans started the day in second place with a deficit of 1min 53sec to Wiggins but dropped to fourth overall at 3:19.

Wiggins now leads teammate Froome by 2:05, with Nibali third but still at 2:23 and Van den Broeck fifth at 4:48.